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15 June 1956

25X1A MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Project AQUATONE Base in the Far East

25X6 1. Pursuant to our discussion of this date, I would very much appreciate it if you would make a preliminary investigation toward the selection of a base for the operation of AQUATONE in the Far East upon your return to that area. Reviewing our basic needs; terminal weather is perhaps the most important, although geographic location, security, facilities and present tenants of a base are obviously important considerations. As the Chief of Communications [REDACTED] is familiar with Project AQUATONE, I would appreciate your cabling us your reaction through [REDACTED] (Project) indicator-channel as soon as you find it convenient. 25X1A

25X1A 2. Further reviewing our conversation, it is my understanding that your first step will be to meet with Colonel Harris Hull and review my conversation with you with him. He will then brief General Lawrence H. Kuter, Major General H. Harris Jr., and Major General Walter E. Todd. Having done this, Colonel Hull will request that General Kuter brief General L. L. Lemritz, Far East Commander. As a result of Colonel Hull's talk with General Kuter, Brigadier General Beverly H. Warren, Chief of Materiel, FEAF, should be briefed. I would also appreciate your giving a general briefing to [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A 3. We will brief General Earl W. Barnes who is now in Washington and is to be the Chief of Staff of the Far East Command. General Harris has already been briefed on Project AQUATONE. General Todd has been cleared but not briefed. None of the other persons mentioned in this memorandum have been cleared for the Project. A copy of this memorandum is being sent to our Project Security Officer to act as a request for the clearance of these personnel.

4. As a security precaution, I draw your attention to the fact that, in dealing with Agency personnel, you should refer to AQUATONE which refers to the entire Project; and that OILSTONE (Confidential) refers to the Materiel support afforded to us by the Air Force (1-4 priority).

5. I want to reiterate my appreciation for your acting as our emissary in this matter.

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